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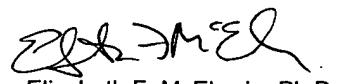
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1. The amendment filed on 17 January 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant has submitted new claims 40-53 which would require further consideration under 35 USC 112-1st and 2nd paragraph. For rejoinder of process claims, the amendment of the claims must be presented prior to allowance.

Note that a fully initialled copy of the PTO-1449 submitted June 6, 2003 is attached.



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